

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 29, page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

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Because the present invention enables the controllers 3000 and 4000 to access the disk unit group 5000 as described above, each of the controllers ~~6000 and 7000~~ controls the object exclusively so that it is prevented that one and the same disk unit in the disk unit group is accessed simultaneously from those controllers.